

## **MEETING OF THE COUNCIL 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2007 - ORDER OF BUSINESS**

1. **PRAYERS**
2. **MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS** (if any)
3. **PETITIONS** (if any)
4. **PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY, 2007**

### **MOTIONS, AMENDMENTS AND QUESTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN AND ITEMS UPON WHICH COMMENT WILL BE MADE**

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<b>5. <u>CONSTITUTION</u></b>					
21 <sup>st</sup> Feb. 10.00 a.m.	Council Summons	Motion	Councillor Morris	Appointment of Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer	That Mr. Sean Harriss be appointed Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer for Bolton with effect from 1st April 2007 as a consequence of the retirement of Mr. B. Knight as Chief Executive.
21 <sup>st</sup> Feb. 10.00 a.m.	Council Summons	Motion	Councillor Morris	Independent Remuneration Panel	That the Council approves the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel with regards to the review of the current Scheme of Members' Allowances, as detailed in the report now circulated to members.

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<b>6. <u>RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL</u></b>					
21 <sup>st</sup> Feb. 10.00 a.m.	Council Summons	Motion	Councillor Peel	Statement of Community Involvement Submission Document	That the Statement of Community Involvement Submission Document be approved and submitted to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government.
<b>7. <u>CHANGES IN COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND APPOINTMENTS TO OTHER BODIES</u></b>					
Motion to be moved by Councillor Peel					
<b>8. <u>QUESTIONS/COMMENTS UNDER STANDING ORDER 9(a)</u></b>					
27 <sup>th</sup> Feb. 6.00 p.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Member for Environmental Services	Councillor A. Connell	Moss Bank Park	<p>Would the Executive Member outline to Council the timetable for the application for Green Flag status for Moss Bank Park.</p> <p>Furthermore, would he explain to Council the ambitions for applications for Green Flag status for our other public amenities across the Borough.</p>
27 <sup>th</sup> Feb. 6.00 p.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Member for Environmental Services	Councillor Hornby	Highways in Bolton – Budget Allocation	Residents in my ward often express concerns about the state of the highways in Bolton. Could the Executive Member explain the extent of provision that has been made to the budget and also how this money should be distributed.

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27 <sup>th</sup> Feb. 6.00 p.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Member for Environmental Services	Councillor Ayub	Play areas in Bolton	Would the Executive Member please give an update to Council on the announcement of extra resources to invest in play areas across the Borough. Would he explain how this money will be used to improve services for young people?
27 <sup>th</sup> Feb. 6.00 p.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Member for Environmental Services	Councillor Darvesh	Alley Gating scheme in Bolton	Would the Executive Member please give the Council an update on the progress of the Council in implementing Alley Gating schemes across the Borough over the last municipal year?  Would he also give Council an update on what he hopes to achieve over the next municipal year?
27 <sup>th</sup> Feb. 6.00 p.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Member for Human Resources and Diversity	Councillor Lord	Equal Pay	In view of the comments made in the local press and the reports carried by the national media, would the Executive Member make a statement regarding the steps taken locally to address the issue of equal pay amongst employees of Bolton Council.

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27 <sup>th</sup> Feb. 6.00 p.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Health			Will the Executive Member please identify the marketing and the success thereof of the various energy efficiency initiatives over the last few months.
27 <sup>th</sup> Feb. 6.00 p.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Member for Human Resources and Diversity	Councillor Price	Smoking Cessation Policy	In view of the Bolton Primary Care Trust Annual Report on the health of Bolton and the expressions of concern regarding the mortality cost of smoking, would the Executive Member comment on the success of Bolton Authority's Smoking Cessation Policy.
27 <sup>th</sup> Feb. 6.00 p.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Member for Corporate Strategy and Finance	Councillor Hornby	Consultancy Work	In light of the Bolton News running a front page headline stating that the Council had spent £7 million on consultants over the last few years, could the Leader of the Council tell us how much he has sanctioned by the Executive this year on consultants?

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27 <sup>th</sup> Feb. 6.00 p.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Member for Culture and Community Services	Councillor White	2012 Olympics	In view of Lord Sebastian Coe's statement that as Chair of the British Olympic Committee, he would ensure that the benefits of the 2012 Olympics would be felt throughout all the regions of our Country in the form of the high quality coaching and support for local athletes, could the Executive Member advise the Council on what action has been taken to ensure Bolton Olympic hopefuls receive adequate support both

in terms of coaching skills and preparation costs.

27 <sup>TH</sup> Feb. 9.23 p.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Member for Recycling and Waste	Councillor Mrs. Ronson	Cardboard Collections	Can the Executive Member inform Council as to whether there is a roll-out programme for cardboard collections or are decisions being made on one area at a time?
27 <sup>TH</sup> Feb. 9.23 p.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Member for Recycling and Waste	Councillor Mrs. Ronson	Recycling Plastic	Given the confusion of members of the public about which plastic items can be recycled, will the Executive Member inform Council as to whether the whole of the plastic collected counts to the monthly totals or just those which are actually recycled?

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27 <sup>th</sup> Feb. 10.05 p.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Health	Councillor Williamson	Parking at Royal Bolton Hospital	Will the Executive Member link up with the Executive Member for Schools and the Executive Member for Environmental Services, and in consultation with the ward councillors attempt to enable a holistic solution to problems of access to and parking in and around the Royal Bolton Hospital.
27 <sup>th</sup> Feb. 10.05 p.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Member for Schools	Councillor Williamson	Parking at Royal Bolton Hospital	Will the Executive Member link up with the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Health and the Executive Member for Environmental Services,

and in consultation with the ward councillors attempt to enable a holistic solution to problems of access to and parking in and around the Royal Bolton Hospital which have been further exacerbated by expansion of provision at Mount St Josephs School.

27 <sup>th</sup> Feb. 10.05 p.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Member for Environmental Services	Councillor Williamson	Parking at Royal Bolton Hospital	Will the Executive Member link up with the Executive Member for Schools and the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Health, and in consultation with the ward Councillors, attempt to enable a holistic solution to problems of access to and parking in and around the Royal Bolton Hospital. Would he also report progress on my request for consideration of residents only parking.
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27 <sup>th</sup> Feb. 10.05 p.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Member for Corporate Strategy and Finance	Councillor Williamson	Premium Rate Insurance	Is the Leader aware of the growing problem of Leaseholders being intimidated by their Freeholders into buying premium rate insurance. Will the Leader confirm the legal position that householders do not need to buy their Freeholders designated insurance and will he consider using the Bolton Scene to help publicise this matter which has caused much distress and worry across the Borough.
27 <sup>TH</sup> Feb. 10.57 pm	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Member	Councillor Cox	Work Experience for Looked After Children	Given the Council's responsibility as a corporate parent is there anything the

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Leader of the Council can do, in partnership and if necessary through contractual arrangements, to encourage service providers of the Council to offer work based opportunities including work experience and training for some of our looked after children?

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28 <sup>th</sup> Feb 9.00 a.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Member for Environmental Services	Councillor Idrees	Installation of Traffic Lights at the junction of Weston Street/Crescent Road/Nelson Street	Will the Executive Member please advise members why there has been a considerable delay in the installation of traffic lights at the junction of Weston Street/Crescent Road/Nelson Street. This junction is identified as very dangerous but despite many promises traffic lights are still awaited. Could the Executive Member please advise members when traffic lights will be installed at the junction.
28 <sup>th</sup> Feb. 9.00 a.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Member for Corporate Strategy and Finance	Councillor Rushton	Emergency Loan to Bernstein Company	Could the Executive Member indicate whether the emergency loan of £170,000 to the Bernstein Company has had the desired effect in protecting jobs
28 <sup>th</sup> Feb. 9.00 a.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Member for Corporate Strategy and Finance	Councillor Rushton	Credit Unions	Could the Executive Member indicate the present status and situation regarding (a) Johnson Fold Credit Union; and (b) Brightmet Credit Union

28 <sup>th</sup> Feb. 9.00 a.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Member for Corporate Strategy and Finance	Councillor Critchley	Skateboard Park	Will the Executive Member agree to the establishment of a Policy Development Group to investigate the potential designs and possible siting of a skateboard park. Can he ensure that the PDG fully establishes the needs of all possible user groups including the youth in the designs, uses etc.
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9. **QUESTIONS/COMMENTS UNDER STANDING ORDER 9(c) (if any)**

10. **COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS**

**PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE**

Motion to be moved by Councillor Peel (See Section B).

**LICENSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION COMMITTEE**

Motion to be moved by Councillor Mrs. Fairclough (See Section C).

11. **SCRUTINY COMMITTEES**

Composite Motion to be moved by Councillor Shaw

(A) **CORPORATE ISSUES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (See Section D)**

(B) **DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (See Section E)**

(C) **ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (See Section F)**



**(D) ADULT SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (See Section G)**

**(E) CHILDREN'S SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (See Section H)**

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**(F) HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (See Section J) – *To note***

**Items Referred to Council from Scrutiny Committees (see note below)**

Please note that at its meeting on 7th February, 2007 the decisions of the Environmental Services Scrutiny Committee with respect to the following two matters was “that the position be noted.”

The Executive Member’s original decisions with respect to the matters shown below (before the matters were called in) were as follows:-

**(a) Deane Church Lane - Proposed Traffic Calming - Objections**

That notwithstanding the objections received from some residents and the Hulton Ward council members in view of the general support expressed by residents in response to the local consultation, the traffic calming scheme referred to be implemented as part of the Highway Capital programme for 2006/07 with the addition of a junction plateau at the junction with Roy Street;

**(b) Crompton Way Route Management - Objections**

That notwithstanding the objections received the speed management scheme be implemented as advertised.

Members should note that if the Council does not agree either of the following two motions (detailed below) the original decisions of the Executive Member (detailed above) will stand and can be actioned immediately.

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12.		<b><u>REFERRED ITEM – DEANE CHURCH LANE – PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING - OBJECTIONS</u></b>			
		Motion to be moved by Councillor A.S. Walsh			
		That the implementation of the Traffic Calming Scheme is premature pending the outcome of the work of the Road Safety Issues Scrutiny Panel and that, consequently, the matter be referred back to the Executive Member with a recommendation that consideration be deferred until after the Panel's recommendations have been considered.			
13.		<b><u>REFERRED ITEM – CROMPTON WAY – ROUTE MANAGEMENT - OBJECTIONS</u></b>			
		Motion to be moved by Councillor J. Walsh			
		That the implementation of the Traffic Calming Scheme is premature pending the outcome of the work of the Road Safety Issues Scrutiny Panel and that, consequently, the matter be referred back to the Executive Member with a recommendation that consideration be deferred until after the Panel's recommendations have been considered.			
14.		<b><u>AREA FORUMS</u></b>			
		Composite motion to be moved by Councillor Lord			
		<b>Westhoughton with Chew Moor Area Forum (See Section K)</b>			
		<b>Heaton and Lostock and Hulton Area Forum (See Section L)</b>			
		<b>Astley Bridge and Smithills Area Forum (See Section M)</b>			
		<b>Farnworth and Kearsley Area Forum (See Section N)</b>			
		<b>Crompton and Halliwell Area Forum (See Section P)</b>			
		<b>South Area Forum (See Section Q)</b>			

**South Turton Area Forum (See Section R)**

**Two Towns Area Forum (See Section S)**

**Leverhulme Area Forum (See Section T)**

27 <sup>th</sup> Feb. 6.00 p.m.	T6/25	Comment	Councillor Connell	Highways Maintenance Budget
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**15. AUDIT COMMITTEE**

To approve the minutes of the Audit Committee (See Section U)

**16. MOTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. 4 – ADDITION OF FLUORIDE TO DRINKING WATER**

Motion to be moved by Councillor R. Ronson

**17. MOTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. 4 – ADDITION OF FLUORIDE TO DRINKING WATER**

Motion to be moved by Councillor Rushton

**18. MOTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. 4 – RETIREMENT OF MR. B. KNIGHT, CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

Motion to be moved by Councillors Morris, Rushton and Mrs. Ronson

## **APPENDIX A**

### **MEETING OF THE COUNCIL – 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2007**

#### **CHANGES IN COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND APPOINTMENTS TO OTHER BODIES**

Moved by Councillor Peel and Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Fairclough

That the following appointments and changes in membership be approved:-

- (1) That Councillors J. Byrne, Clare, Morris, Rock, R. Ronson, Rushton, Shaw, J. Walsh and Zaman be appointed to the Heaton Fold and Bolmoor Policy Development Group (Task and Finish).
- (2) That Councillors Darvesh, Greenhalgh, Hamilton, Hollick, Hornby, Ibrahim, J. Silvester, Williamson and R. Wilkinson be appointed to the Library Review Policy Development Group (Task and Finish).
- (3) That Councillor Greenhalgh replace Councillor Ashcroft as Councillor Mrs. Brierley's deputy on the Planning and Highways Committee.
- (4) That Councillor Peel replace Councillor Adia on the Recycling and Waste Policy Development Group.